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At the Court at *WHITEHALL*,
The 3d of *January*, 167$\frac{8}{9}$.
Present,
The King's Most Excellent MAJESTY,
And the
Lords of His Most Honourable Privy Council.

WHereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty (at the humble desire of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled) did by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the Thirtieth day of October last, Straitly Charge and Command all Persons being Popish Recusants, or so reputed, That they should on or before the Seventh day of November then next ensuing, Depart from His Majesties Royal Palaces of Whitehall, Somerset-House, and Saint James's, the Cities of London and Westminster, and from all other places within Ten miles distance of the same; And whereas His Majesty hath been Informed, That several Popish Recusants, and persons reputed to be such, have, since the late Prorogation of the Parliament, taken the boldness to resort to the said Cities of London and Westminster, and other places within the said distance; At which their presumption His Majesty is most highly Offended, and is Graciously pleased this day in Council to Order, That all Justices of the Peace, and other His Majesties Ministers and Officers, do within their several Precincts within the said Cities of London and Westminster, or within Ten miles distance of the same, make Diligent and Speedy Search and Inquiry after all such Popish Recusants, or others reputed so to be, who have returned, or do presume to stay within the said Places contrary to the Purport of the said Proclamation, and them and every of them to proceed against with the utmost Severity, according as they are by the said Proclamation, and the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom Required and Impowered to do.

Robert Southwell.

Berlin, Jan. 1. Our Elector has as we are told received Letters from Lieutenant-General *Gortzki*, comman ling his Forces in *Prussia*, in which he gives an accounte, that he was not strong enough to make head against the Suedes, and therefore prayed that fresh Forces might be hastned from these parts, which his Electoral Highness has resolved, and to follow in person so soon as the Holy-days are past.

Hamburg, Jan. 3. We have now from *Denmark* a particular Relation of the loss of the Suedes on the Isle of *Bornholme*, which is the same we have already told you The Letters from *Prussia* inform us, that *Tiise*, *Ragnitz*, and *Insterberg*, are in the hands of the Suedes, who lay within 8 Leagues of *Conigsberg*, which City is in great disorder, many of the most considerable Inhabitants being removed from thence to *Dantzicke* and other places. It is said that the Suedes offer the Poles, in case they will assist them, to re-unite the Dutchy of *Prussia*, in the Crown of *Poland*, and that this Proposition will be debated among other things at the general Dy t in that Kingdom, where, as we are told, the King and the Grandees are not of one mind.

Strasburg, Jan. 2. The French Troops, as well in the Upper as the Lower *Alsace*, are continually moving to and fro, but what their designs are we cannot as yet penetrate into; whatever they are, the generality of people, who are quite wearied out with the War, would fain flatter themselves that they will have no effect, but will be put by, by a speedy conclusion of the Peace at *Nimeguen*, though the coming of Monsieur *de Maulevrier Colbert* into these parts to command the Kings Forces, seems rather an argument that in *France* their thoughts are applied to the War, and we cannot but believe that some notable Enterprise will be taken in hand, seeing so eminent a General Officer is sent hither to have the conduct of it. Here we go on with our Fortifications, and to put our selves into the best posture we can.

Cologne, Jan. 3. The French pretending Contributions from the Country of *Bergs*, several thousand Boors are got together, and have posted themselves on the *Rhine*, to hinder the French from coming over; and, it's said, that the Boors of the Country of *Marke* have offered to come to their assistance 12000 strong; but hitherto their fears in *Bergs* are not so great as to accept of their assistance; but in case the Frost should grow so great as to freeze the *Rhine*, and render it passable, their danger would be great. All the French Horse and Dragoons that were quartered hereabouts, are marched away, and gone as is said towards *France*; and others are to come in their room from the *Meuse*.

Ditto, Jan. 6. On Tuesday last the Brigadier *de St. Louis*, came with a small Body of Men before *Sons*, scituate on the *Rhine* about four Leagues from hence, and immediately sent to the Officer that commanded there, to require him to deliver up the place; assuring him in that case of a very favourable treatment as well to himself as to the place, into which he would only put one Company, but that in case he stood it out, and obliged Monsieur *Calvo* to come thither himself, and to bring Cannon before it, he must after that expect no Terms would be granted him; upon which the said Officer, after having first sent an Express hither to acquaint our Elector with the thing, surrendred the place The 4th instant at night the Sieur *Calvo* attackt the Town of *Nuis*, and took it by Storm, and after having pillaged it, quitted it again. What they will do next we know not, but this City is in a great consternation, and apprehends its turn will be next; Though yesterday came hither a French Officer, with